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CONTAINING BIOSENSORS)

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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which

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they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

The instant application is based on the following utility application;
U.S.S.N. 09/135,183, filed August 17, 1998.

Other related applications include: U.S.S.N. 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996; U.S.S.N. 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/899,510, filed July 24, 1997; and U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997.

In addition, the instant application is related to: U.S.S.N. 08/873,597, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/911,589, filed August 14, 1997; and U.S.S.N. 09/660,374, filed September 12, 2000.

Lastly the instant application is related to the following: U.S.S.N. 09/306,653, filed May 6, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/452,277, filed February 3, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/245,105, filed January 27, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/096,593, filed June 12, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/428,155, filed October 27, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/295,691, filed April 21, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/238,351, filed January 27, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 09/621,275, filed July 20, 2000.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present

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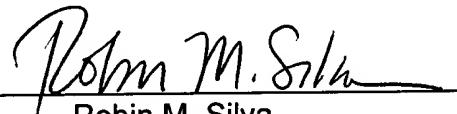
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